

House File 2355 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the conducting of a wireless communication
2 mapping survey.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. WIRELESS COMMUNICATION MAPPING SURVEY. The
2 economic development authority, with the assistance of the
3 utilities board of the utilities division of the department
4 of commerce, shall conduct a wireless communication mapping
5 survey. For purposes of this section, "wireless communication"
6 means communication pursuant to a mobile or cellular telephone
7 apparatus or device. The objectives of the survey shall be
8 to identify on a statewide basis areas of current wireless
9 communication service coverage and to ascertain areas
10 throughout the state where wireless communication service is
11 either nonexistent or where signal strength and reliability
12 is inconsistent or subject to interruption. Based upon
13 the results of the survey, the authority shall develop
14 recommendations for expanding and improving coverage in those
15 areas identified as requiring such expansion and improvement.
16 In conducting the survey and developing recommendations,
17 the authority and the board shall enlist the assistance of
18 telecommunications service providers of varying sizes and
19 with varying numbers of customers currently operating within
20 this state. The authority shall submit a report to the
21 general assembly regarding the results of the survey and
22 recommendations by January 1, 2013.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill directs the economic development authority,
25 with the assistance of the Iowa utilities board, to conduct
26 a wireless communication mapping survey. The bill defines
27 "wireless communication" to refer to a mobile or cellular
28 telephone apparatus or device. The bill states that the
29 objectives of the survey are to identify on a statewide basis
30 areas of current wireless communication service coverage
31 and to ascertain areas throughout the state where wireless
32 communication service is either nonexistent or where signal
33 strength and reliability is inconsistent or subject to
34 interruption. Based upon the results of the survey, the bill
35 requires the authority to develop recommendations to expand

1 and improve coverage in those areas identified as requiring
2 it. The bill provides that the survey and recommendations
3 shall be conducted and developed with the assistance of
4 telecommunications service providers of varying sizes and with
5 varying numbers of customers currently operating in Iowa. The
6 bill provides that the authority shall submit a report to
7 the general assembly regarding the results of the survey and
8 legislative recommendations by January 1, 2013.